

## DECISION RECORD & CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

**Project Name: Greensprings Mountain Festival Exclusive Use of BLM Hyatt Lake Campground SRP (OR-M010-12-010)**

### **OR-MO40-2012-006CX**

**BLM Office:** Ashland R.A., Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Medford District.

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**DESCRIPTION & LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:** Issue a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for the Greensprings Mountain Festival for exclusive use of the Hyatt Recreation Complex Main Campground for the purposes of camping and parking for the Greensprings Mountain Festival on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 2pm through September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The Greensprings Mountain Festival is a music and outdoor festival that combines outdoor activities and live music. The music portion of the event is occurring approximately 3 miles from the campground on private property at the Greensprings Inn. Shuttles will transport festival attendees from the campground to the music and vendor activities at the Greensprings Inn and Greensprings Rural Fire Department. The BLM is a Co-sponsor of the outdoor activity/events portion of the festival and outdoor activities/events that are part of the festival that occur on BLM managed lands are covered under a separate Letter of Agreement (ORMO60-12-007), on file with the BLM Medford District Office.

The SRP will permit exclusive use of the main campground within the Hyatt Lake Recreation complex for the purposes of camping and parking for the event. Greensprings Mountain Festival event planners estimate between 200 and 500 campers at the BLM Hyatt Lake Recreation Complex and up to 400 cars parked at the recreation complex. Parking will take place in designated parking areas as well as at the baseball field. The issuance of an exclusive use permit will exclude the general public from camping or day use of the main campground for the duration of the event. The exception will be those wishing to use the campground boating facilities for the purposes of loading or offloading a boat for use on Hyatt Reservoir, as the main campground facilities have the only boat ramps on the reservoir at this time. Event security will allow boaters to enter the campground and park for the purposes of boating. During the event camping will be available to the general public at Wildcat Campground and for equestrian users at the Wildcat horse camp. Several other Jackson County campground facilities in the area will be available for general public camping.

### **Project Design Features (PDFs)**

The following PDFs are required in order to protect resource and monument values as well as ensuring the health and safety of the recreating public:

- Permit holder will provide adequate security as determined by BLM staff.
- Permit holder will require event participants to follow posted campground rules and regulations.
- Permit holder will follow all permit stipulations outlined in Permit # OR-M010-12-010.
- Permit holder will provide adequate parking personnel to direct traffic and people movement for the purposes of the event on BLM managed lands.
- Permit holder will cap the number of people camping at Hyatt Campground if/when the number of campers reaches 700.
- Permit Holder is responsible for keeping an accurate count of campers for the purposes of reporting and for determining when the cap number of campers is reached.
- Permit holder will provide a minimum of one staff person from 10am till 7pm each and every day or part of the day covered under this categorical exclusion, at the day use swimming/beach area to

- provide for user safety.
- Permit holder will provide an acceptable operations plan as determined by the BLM that includes safety, medical and emergency procedures for the event.
- Permit holder will provide and staff a first aid station at the Hyatt Lake Campground during the events and/or activities portion of the event as well as following the music portion of the event until 12am.
- All trash and garbage will be picked up and disposed of properly.
- Any item brought for use by the permit holder must be removed at the end of the event.
- The permit holder shall comply with all Federal, state, and local laws; ordinances; regulations; postings; or written requirements applicable to the area covered by this SRP.
- Permit holder shall submit final post-use report within thirty (30) days of the event.

**PLAN CONFORMANCE**

This proposal is in conformance with objectives, land use allocations, and management direction of the 1995 and 2008 Medford District Records of Decision and Resource Management Plans (ROD/RMP) and any plan amendments in effect at the time this document is published. The proposed action is also located on BLM-administered lands in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and crosses private lands on BLM-controlled roads. It is in conformance with and tiered to the 2008 *Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument ROD and RMP*.

This project also conforms with the 1994 *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Northwest Forest Plan).

The proposed action is in conformance with the direction given for the management of public lands in the Medford District by the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937 (O&C Act), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, the Clean Water Act of 1987, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (as amended 1986 and 1996), Clean Air Act, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

This proposal is consistent with management direction in the Medford District 1995 ROD/RMP that directs the BLM to:

*Pursue recreation opportunities that will benefit local community economic strategies consistent with BLM land use objectives* (USDI 1995, p. 63); and

The proposal is also consistent with management direction in the 2008 Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument ROD/RMP that directs the BLM to:

*Provide for safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities consistent with the protection of monument objects* (USDI 2008, p. 97).

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects under the categorical exclusion exceptions, unless as noted. The proposed action will:

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Categorical Exclusion Exception</u></b>
( )	( X )	1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.
( )	( X )	2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resource; park, recreation, or refuge lands;

wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

- ( ) (X) 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)] not already decided in an approved land use plan.
- ( ) (X) 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks.
- ( ) (X) 5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
- ( ) (X) 6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but significant cumulative environmental effects. (*40 CFR 1508.7 and 1508.25(a)*).
- ( ) (X) 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- ( ) (X) 8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.
- ( ) (X) 9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
- ( ) (X) 10. Have disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).
- ( ) (X) 11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).
- ( ) (X) 12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or nonnative invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

The proposed action has been reviewed against the ten criteria (#1-10 listed above) for an exception to a categorical exclusion and does not fall under any exception as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2. The proposed action has also been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with other Federal law and policy (#11-16). The project qualifies as a categorical exclusion as provided in United States Department of the Interior Departmental Manual 516 DM 11.9 H(1). This section allows for *Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; and /or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).*

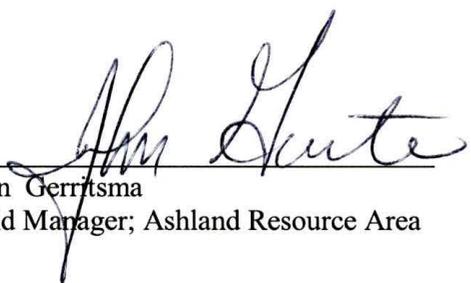
Before any action described in the list of categorical exclusions may be used, the "extraordinary circumstances," included in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 43 CFR 46.205(c) must be reviewed for applicability. After review, the BLM determined no extraordinary circumstances exist that would cause the proposed action to have a significant environmental effect. The action will not require additional analysis.

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**DECISION**

Based on the NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW above, I have determined that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9 H(1), involves no significant impact to the human environment and that no further environmental analysis is required.

  
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